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He who has lost confidence can lose nothing more.—Boiste.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The Democratic territorial platform, drafted in secret and adopted in secret by a very few members of the Democratic party, is a document that will immensely strengthen Republican prospects for the fall campaign.

Few of the reputable Democrats of Hawaii will run for office on such a platform; fewer will be elected.

In the main, the provisions are good provisions—but the exceptions are so very bad that the whole platform is not only weak in "vote-getting" power but provocative of endless party fights, factionalism, bitterness, division.

The platform contains several good planks, most of which have already been covered in the Republican and Progressive platforms. The proposal for a "free port" is not a novel suggestion, but it is new as a political issue and has several praiseworthy aspects. Such planks as those on education, harbor improvements, citizen labor, homesteading, extension of county government, workmen's compensation, statehood and amendment of the primary law are well in place in the platform. They are issues generally recognized as issues that all parties should endorse, though there may be minor differences in detail.

The main part of the platform is made up of such planks as these, to which no serious objection would be made by any voter, Republican, Democratic or Bull Moose.

The two very bad points in this platform are its flabby, apologetic and viciously misleading plank on the tariff, and its no less vicious attack on Governor Pinkham.

The first plank is a political fraud, the second is a political blunder.

The tariff plank says:

"The Democratic party in an almost incredibly short time has made good its promises and pledges to the American people in giving this nation a new tariff law. This tariff law touches the entire commercial life of the nation, and we believe that as patriotic citizens we ought to meet the new conditions in a fair spirit without premature and unjust criticism."

Were it not for the industrial disaster threatening Hawaii because of this very tariff law such a plank would cause a universal smile of ridicule to spread from Hawaii to Niihau!

"Meet the new conditions in a fair spirit without premature and unjust criticism!" Is that the only thing the Democratic party dares to say to the voters of Hawaii?

What sort of an answer is that for the business depression, the curtailment of labor on the plantations, the reduction of forces in practically every business house and commercial establishment, the drop of many millions in tax valuations, the sudden decrease in territorial and county revenues?

What sort of an argument is that for a tariff that is benefitting not the sugar growers of Hawaii or Louisiana but the refiners, the beet-sugar companies of Europe and the cheap-labor exploiters of the Java cane-fields.

Is that the sort of stuff that L. L. McCandless intends to purvey to the voters from the stump?

It will be even more fatal to his chances than his notorious stand on immigration four years ago—the stand that alienated some of the most influential Democrats in the territory and sent him down to defeat.

The tariff plank in the Democratic platform is worse than a straddle—it is a sneak to the rear, tail-between-the-legs fashion. It is a fraud because it aims to misrepresent the attitude of Hawaii on the tariff as affecting sugar.

The plank condemning Governor Pinkham's administration is a political blunder so grotesque that it is funny. The blunder is apparent from the delight with which Republicans are today hailing the spectacle of a Democratic platform in one breath lauding Wilson to the skies for "wise and progressive leadership" and in another breath denouncing as "thoroughly undemocratic" the administration of Wilson's appointee.

That plank alone will alienate enough Democrats of caliber and standing to defeat many a Democratic nominee.

From a Republican standpoint, the Democratic platform is "bully." It will make many hundreds of Republican votes in November. It

will further divide this faction-ridden party as it goes into the campaign.

From the territorial standpoint, the Democratic platform is a sorry thing, its good points vitiated, its whole tone now ineradicably blemished by personal spite, prejudice—and above all, by its ignominious attitude of apology on the free-sugar legislation that is pulling down Hawaii.

MR. WALDRON'S OFFER

Fred L. Waldron's offer to serve the city as mayor without pay will be received with many differing opinions.

Inherent difficulties present themselves to the acceptance of such a proposition, public-spirited and original as it may be.

Mr. Waldron's attitude, however, is chiefly significant not for what he offers to do but for the striking proof thus given that Honolulu has found present conditions of municipal administration inefficient and intolerable.

Businessmen are dissatisfied with the story of the past two years.

They are not content to rest under a financial expenditure that fails to produce results.

The Star-Bulletin believes in paying good salaries for good city service. If the mayor is a real mayor, he deserves a real mayor's salary. As a variation upon Mr. Waldron's proposal, the suggestion made today that the donations of salaries go toward securing the services of a high-class city manager offers something constructive in the way of bettering city administration.

THE FRAMERS OF AN IMMORTAL DOCUMENT

It may be interesting to the public to know the names of the "representative Democrats" who have put forth the territorial platform. They are:

Jesse Uluhi, T. J. ("Hilo") Ryan, M. C. Pacheco, Harry Irwin, David Ewaliko, J. M. Bright, F. C. Benevides, M. S. Pacheco, Jerry Burns, J. S. Chandler, M. S. DeMello, C. D. Pringle, Joseph Kalana, Eddie Hanapi, Moses Palau, R. N. Boyd. Irwin held a proxy for George J. Richardson of Hilo and Ryan held a proxy for Harry Mossman of Maui.

L. L. McCandless, Jeff McCann, and National Committeeman John H. Wilson are reputed to have been the chief advisers in the framing of the platform.

The territorial committee consists of 30 members. Sixteen were present. There were two proxies.

Representative? Wow!

MARCHING ON

An Associated Press dispatch from Richmond, Virginia, says:

"Out of an estimated total of 140,000 qualified voters in Virginia, 69,936 have signed petitions calling upon Governor Henry C. Stuart to call a state-wide election to decide whether liquor shall continue to be sold in the state. The petitions will be presented tomorrow and Governor Stuart is expected to call the election for September 22, as provided by the enabling act passed by the last legislature."

In Washington voters will be asked this fall, under the initiative and referendum laws, to decide whether the state shall or shall not be "dry." Local option and statewide prohibition keep marching on.

President Wilson will have a hard time getting bankers and businessmen of repute for his Federal Reserve Board if the senators continue their present attitude. Thomas D. Jones declined to be made the butt of attack by the money-trust jingoes of the upper house.

We wonder how President Wilson will like to see the Democratic party platform in Hawaii assailing his own appointee!

For a man under the doctor's care, the Colonel is getting around pretty lively, thank you.

We'll wager the Contributing Editor doesn't contribute any \$50,000 to Boss Barnes.

Whom the gods would destroy they first make Paahi Street Democrats.

GROWING USE OF PARCEL POST

The telephones and the parcel post work beautifully together. The housewife calls up the village store and asks to have certain things—perhaps dress goods or household utensils—sent out immediately. In the old days she would have had to go to "town" herself, or have the hired man harness up, or wait for several days until some

friend could do her errand. Now her purchase arrives in the morning with the rural carrier. The C. O. D. system facilitates the operation. In the small or cities the same expedition prevails. The local merchant finds that his area of patronage, which was formerly limited to the city itself, has a radius of 150 miles. He has one advantage over

the mail order house in a lower rate within this distance. Within this zone of 150 miles the rate is virtually a cent a pound, outside it is larger. A merchant 150 miles from Chicago, therefore, has a large area within which, because of his lower postage, he can still do business. And the fact is, as already said, that the local merchants have already outgrown their apprehensions of the parcel post.—The World's Work.

WHEAT KING TO SPEND BUT FEW DAYS IN HAWAII

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easy stages across India to Calcutta, returning four weeks later to Bombay, where they rejoined the Niagara.

The Federated Malay states, Borneo, the southern and northern Philippines were passed in rapid succession. Mr. Leiter expressed much pleasure at again meeting the American flag in the farthest eastern possession.

At the time the Niagara cruised in Asiatic waters a serious outbreak of brigandage was rampant along the south China coast. The 1,000-ton ship planned for Canton, the densely populated metropolis about 100 miles in the interior by the Pearl river, was abandoned, the yacht being moored at the more protected port at Hongkong while the individual members of the party took a commercial liner to Canton and other West river points of interest.

So intense was the fear of an invasion of fanatical pirates which frequently infest south China's rivers and seacoast that several small guns were mounted on the forward deck of the Niagara. For four weeks the Niagara remained at various ports along the China coast. The Leiters met with much social recognition from the British officials at Hongkong. They expressed great delight over their visit to Shanghai and the entertainment planned for their delectation at that cosmopolitan port.

Japan proved a field of exploration for a fortnight, the Niagara leaving the island empire at Yokohama.

Leiters' Voyage to the Pacific. "We did not crowd the Niagara," declared Captain Gabrielsen upon receiving a delegation of local shipping men following the berthing of the Niagara at Pier 6.

"The yacht can easily steam between 12 and 13 knots an hour. We did not hurry across the Pacific and were 16 days steaming from Yokohama to Honolulu."

Captain Gabrielsen further stated that the trouble reported to have taken place at a Japanese port in which a number of American sailors left the vessel had been greatly exaggerated. The officer added that eight Japanese were shipped to replace an equal number of men signed on at New York prior to the cruise.

"I presume that they had too much money coming to them," was the reason the captain assigned for the desertion of the seamen.

The Niagara was built and placed in commission in 1898. She has been the property of Howard Gould, the transportation king, and director in many large mainland railways, for more than a decade.

Displaying outward indications of having been on an extended cruise, although still resplendent in white paint, the Niagara anchored off Kakaako shortly after midnight. Shortly before 9 o'clock this morning the Niagara was brought to the Ewa side of Pier 6. Captain Lorenzen, harbor pilot, visited the yacht and soon had the craft to a moorings with prow pointed toward the open sea and hatches off for the reception of coal and supplies.

Children Are Life of the Ship.

Two bright-eyed chubby little boys aged three and five years, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, named Joseph and Thomas, are the life of the ship. These youngsters, guarded day and night through the watchful care of tutors, nurses and maids, were much in evidence about the spacious and luxuriously appointed after deck of the vessel while it lay at the wharf pending the closing of formalities of port regulation and during the call of several prominent army and territorial officials this morning.

Dr. W. B. Marbury has been identified with the party since leaving Washington and has had the health of the members both young and old under his immediate direction.

Dr. Marbury successfully performed an operation for appendicitis while the Niagara steamed along the coast of China, the patient being O. Paulson, a seaman. Today, Paulson is well and happy and was about his duties this morning as if nothing had happened.

Those Who Make the Cruise.

The Leiter party includes Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, their two children, Joseph and Thomas, Miss Francis Williams, a sister of Mrs. Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Elaine Elkins, of the noted West Virginia family, Colonel W. C. Cotgrave, a retired British army officer, who has completed 25 years of service in India, joined the party at Bombay. The wants of the Leiters and their guests are looked after by a corps of servants. In addition to a special tutor for the children, a trained nurse

ATTACK ON PINKHAM IS BOOMERANG

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citizens we ought to meet the new conditions in a fair spirit without premature and unjust criticism."

This plan, they admitted today, doesn't say much but they felt that they didn't have much to say.

The failure of the platform to speak out boldly on the free-sugar situation has angered some Democrats. Others, even those opposed to the little faction that dictated the platform, say that about the only thing to do was to put in a non-committal reference as brief as possible.

Many of the Democrats approached today declined to talk for publication, even while admitting that the

and four maids accompany the party. is a Pacific Booster.

Alexander Hume Ford called upon Mr. Leiter this morning and placed at the disposal of the party the Outrigger club, together with surfboards and outrigger canoes. Mr. Ford met Mr. Leiter in Manila during the world's tour of the former and the Chicago multi-millionaire took an active interest in the formation of the Manila branch of the Hands-Around-the-Pacific movement, working with Mr. Ford until the organization was perfected.

Entertainment for Party.

Several social festivities have been arranged during the stay of the Leiter party in Hawaiian waters, principal among the hosts and hostesses being General and Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, Col. and Mrs. Frank B. Cheatham and Capt. and Mrs. Edward Carpenter.

Tomorrow afternoon Col. and Mrs. Cheatham will entertain at their Tantalus home with an elaborate picnic and Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and the other members of the party are expected to be present.

Saturday evening Capt. and Mrs. Carpenter of Ft. Ruger will give a dinner at the Country club with the Leiter party as the guests of honor. It is anticipated that covers will be laid for about 20 at this affair.

Gen. and Mrs. Edwards have arranged a dinner at their home for next Monday evening in honor of the visitors, about 25 being invited for the dinner and evening's entertainment.

Spectacular Career.

Mr. Leiter, who makes his home in Washington, D. C., is a native of Chicago, in which city he now maintains a majority of his business interests, also a business address. In the windy city he has had a spectacular financial career, having secured a corner in wheat in 1898 at which time he was the heaviest individual holder of that grain in the history of the trade. For a time it was believed that with all his father's—Levi Z. Leiter—millions behind him he would be unable to get from under. However, he finally succeeded but only after sustaining a heavy loss, according to the wise-aces of the wheat pit.

Born December 4, 1864, Mr. Leiter attended Harvard where he received his A. B. degree in 1891, the following year becoming agent for his father, in which capacity he acted until in 1898.

Among his present business affiliations he is the president of the Zeigler Coal Co. and the Chicago, Zeigler & Gulf Ry. Co., and a director in the Commonwealth Edison Company, all of Chicago, also a director in the Washington (D. C.) Gas Co.

In 1908 Mr. Leiter was married to Miss Juliette Williams of Washington and a sister of Mrs. Leiter's is a member of the party at present visiting Honolulu.

Niagara Officers.

The Niagara, which is completing its initial tour of the Pacific, is commanded by Captain August Gabrielsen. Other officers include First Officer Mat Borgensen, Second Officer C. P. Filly, Third Officer Eason, Chief Engineer Jacob Reehle, First Assistant Engineer George Tingle, Second Assistant Engineer James Reilly, Third Assistant Engineer F. Slade.

The Niagara is equipped with a fine Marconi wireless installation and under the direction of Operator A. Crutenden the vessel and its party of travelers have been kept in touch with the outside world.

The Niagara is a vessel of 272 feet in length, 26 feet beam and 19 feet depth. Officers and crew carried on the cruise number 69. The vessel represents an investment of \$850,000. Its fittings and appointments are the finest to be found on any vessel that has visited Honolulu in many years.

If the present plans for the cruise are followed, the Niagara will drop anchor in the Potomac river near the capital at Washington about September 10.

HOUSES TO RENT

FURNISHED.

Manoa Valley	3 bedrooms	\$65.00
12th Avenue	3 bedrooms	35.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms	45.00
Lunalilo St.	2 bedrooms	35.00

UNFURNISHED

Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms	\$45.00
Young St.	2 bedrooms	35.00
Wilhelmina Rise	2 bedrooms	30.00
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territorial platform contains some costly blunders.

Among the expressions of opinion given to the Star-Bulletin were these: Col. C. J. McCarthy: "I have not read the platform in its entirety. I read the attack on the governor this morning and regard that as very wrong and entirely uncalled for."

John Effinger: "The attack on Governor Pinkham is unjust and impolitic. I don't think that's right. The rest of the platform I agree with. Hawaii is going to have a record sugar crop and it's all due to the Democratic party and policies."

Attorney Joseph Lightfoot: "I am pleased with the platform and particularly with its condemnation of Governor Pinkham. Some of the Democrats thought that he should not be mentioned, but I am glad to see the platform condemn the chicanery and fraud of his appointment as a Democrat. I was one of those who advised in favor of this stand. As to the tariff plank, that's a very delicate matter and probably it is handled about as well as it could be handled."

Secretary of the Territory W. W. Thayer: "I haven't read the whole platform. As to the attack on the governor, in my position I have nothing to say. As to the tariff plank, why, you know that the Democrats of the territory are an integral part of the national administration and we must recognize the national stand in the tariff."

Judge W. S. Edging: "I have not read the platform at all and I was not one of those who advised the members of the committee that framed it."

G. J. Waller: "I think the com-

mittee would have done much better had it left the name of the governor out of the platform entirely. I think it was very unwise to have made any mention of him at all and will do more harm than good.

Mr. Pinkham has been appointed governor and we should support him. That has been my point all along. Though I was a candidate for the office, when he got the appointment I felt I should do all I could to help him. The Democratic party should feel the same way. To attack him as they have in the platform is very bad and unfair and I believe they go much too far. They accuse him of deceit and misrepresentation, accusations no doubt dangerous if they cannot be proved."

SUPERVISORS TAKE OUT NOMINATION PETITIONS, WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION

Every member of the board of supervisors has taken out his petition for nomination, with the exception of Sam Hardesty, who has declined to run for office again. Most of the petitions were taken out yesterday afternoon. They have not been filed yet.

This action on the part of the supervisors destroys whatever doubt there has been on the point of whether or not the members would run for re-election. Hardesty has said that he would not run for sometime, so his failure to take out papers is not surprising.

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